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SUBJECT: GHANAIAAN POLICY ON ANGOLA

1. IN ADDITION TO POINTS CONTAINED IN AIDE MEMOIRE TRANSMITTED SEPTEL YOU MAY WISH TO NOTE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS BY SECRETARY DURING HIS DECEMBER 23 PRESS CONFERENCE.

2. "WE WERE PREPARED TO ACCEPT ANY OUTCOME IN ANGOLA, BEFORE MASSIVE ARMS SHIPMENTS BY THE SOVIET UNION AND THE INTRODUCTION OF CUBAN FORCES OCCURRED. WE ARE NOT OPPOSED TO THE MPLA AS SUCH. WE MAKE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE FACTIONS IN ANGOLA AND THE OUTSIDE INTERVENTION. WE CAN LIVE WITH ANY OF THE FACTIONS IN ANGOLA, AND WE WOULD NEVER HAVE GIVEN ASSISTANCE TO ANY OF THE OTHER FACTIONS, IF OTHER GREAT POWERS HAD STAYED OUT OF IT."

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3. "NOW, WITH RESPECT TO ANGOLA: THE ISSUE, I REPEAT, IS

NOT WHETHER A PRO-SOVIET FACTION IS BECOMING DOMINANT IN ANGOLA. THE UNITED STATES POLICY UNTIL WELL INTO THE SUMMER WAS TO STAY OUT OF ANGOLA, TO LET THE VARIOUS FACTIONS WORK OUT THEIR OWN ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THEMSELVES. WE ACCEPTED IN MOZAMBIQUE WITHOUT ANY DIFFICULTY A PRO-MARXIST FACTION THAT CAME INTO POWER BY INDIGENOUS MEANS, OR PERHAPS WITH SOME MINIMUM OUTSIDE SUPPORT, IN THE FRELIMO.

WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN MARCH AND THE MIDDLE OF THE SUMMER WAS A MASSIVE INTRODUCTION OF SOVIET MILITARY EQUIPMENT, WHICH WAS THEN FOLLOWED BY SOVIET ADVISORS AND LARGE NUMBERS OF CUBAN TROOPS -- LARGE AT LEAST IN RELATION TO WHAT IT TAKES IN ANGOLA TO AFFECT THE SITUATION."

"THEREFORE, THE ISSUE IS NOT WHETHER THE COUNTRY OF ANGOLA REPRESENTS A VITAL INTEREST TO THE UNITED STATES. THE ISSUE IS WHETHER THE SOVIET UNION, BACKED BY A CUBAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, CAN IMPOSE ON TWO-THIRDS OF THE POPULATION ITS OWN BRAND OF GOVERNMENT."

4. "NOW, IN ANGOLA WE ARE DEALING WITH THREE FACTIONS, NONE OF THEM VERY LARGE, NONE OF THEM VERY WELL ORGANIZED. WITHOUT OUTSIDE SUPPORT, THE WAR WOULD END ON THE BASIS THAT THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY HAS PROPOSED, THROUGH SOME SORT OF COALITION AMONG THE LOCAL FORCES. THAT IS ALL THAT WE WANT. WE HAVE NO PERMANENT INTERESTS IN ANGOLA AND, I REPEAT AGAIN, WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE MPLA AS LONG AS IT IS AN AFRICAN ORGANIZATION."

5. "WE BELIEVE THAT THE APPROPRIATE SOLUTION IN ANGOLA SHOULD BE SOUGHT BY THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY. IT SHOULD BE DONE ON THE BASIS THAT THE THREE FACTIONS IN ANGOLA SHOULD AGREE AMONG THEMSELVES ON AN APPROPRIATE COALITION OR ANYTHING ELSE THAT THEY AGREE AMONG THEMSELVES -- THAT FOREIGN FORCES, AS I SAID THE OTHER DAY, FROM THE SOVIET UNION, FROM CUBA, AND FROM SOUTH AFRICA SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN FROM ANGOLA. UNDER THOSE CONDITIONS, ANGOLA WILL CEASE BEING A SIGNIFICANT INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES, AND WE WILL COOPERATE WITH ITS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AS PART OF OUR OVERALL AFRICAN POLICY."
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"WE HAVE NO NATIONAL OBJECTIVES IN ESTABLISHING A PRO-AMERICAN OR PRO-WESTERN GOVERNMENT IN ANGOLA. WE WANT AN AFRICAN GOVERNMENT THAT IS NOT IMPOSED BY ANYBODY FROM THE OUTSIDE."

6. "THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA WAS ONE THAT WAS RESOLUBLE BY DIPLOMATIC MEANS. IT IS ABSOLUTELY UNTRUE THAT A

COALITION GOVERNMENT WAS OFFERED BY THE SOVIET UNION EARLIER THIS YEAR, OR BY ANYBODY ELSE EARLIER THIS YEAR, AND REJECTED BY THE UNITED STATES. IT HAS BEEN THE FIXED AMERICAN POLICY TO FOSTER A COALITION AMONG THE PARTIES. IT HAS BEEN THE FIXED AMERICAN POLICY TO SUPPORT THE OAU IN ITS EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT CONCILIATION AMONG THE PARTIES. AND AT NO TIME HAS THE UNITED STATES ATTEMPTED FOR ANY PARTICULAR GROUP TO PREVAIL. IT WAS ONLY MASSIVE SOVIET INTERVENTION THAT HAS PREVENTED THIS."

7. "AND THE UNITED STATES, I HAVE STATED PUBLICLY, AND I HAVE REPEATED IT TODAY, IS IN FAVOR OF THE REMOVAL OF BOTH CUBAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES, AND OF ALL OUTSIDE INTERVENTION." KISSINGER UNQUOTE

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